year (2008-09), an amount of Rs.4589.61 lakhs has been released out of which an amount of Rs.2671.61 lakhs is released to North Eastern States. Year-wise funds released to the States of North-East region including to Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC), Guwahati are given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of year-wise funds released to the States of North-East Region including to Cane and Bamboo Technology Centre (CBTC), Guwahati.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of States	Year		
		2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
1.	Assam	1080.31	601.36	440.16
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1510.35	873.60	196.00
3.	Mizoram	865.45	1001.97	325.27
4.	Meghalaya	508.31	332.54	265.28
5.	Manipur	647.17	371.21	313.44
6.	Nagaland	1315.96	1484.17	829.11
7.	Sikkim	429.32	450.44	93.84
8.	Tripura	122.16	646.63	137.67
9.	CBTC (Guwahati)	91.95	100.20	70.84
	TOTAL	6570.98	5862.12	2671.61

Agriculture development plan for flood prone areas

784. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn up any plan for agriculture development in flood prone areas of Bihar, Orissa, Maharashtra and some other similar States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether State Governments have requested the Union Government for Central assistance for restoration of farming land affected by the recent flood in their own State;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to compensate the farmers suffering losses as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Programme of Soil

Conservation in the Catchments of River Valley Project & Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) in 56 Inter State catchments of 27 States in the country including catchments of Bihar, Orissa and Maharashtra States to minimize soil erosion, land degradation and to reduce flood peaks and volume of runoff. Under this Programme, suitable soil and water conservation measures are adopted and all types of land *viz.* agricultural land, forest land and wastelands are treated.

The Ministry of Water Resources is also implementing a State Sector Scheme on "Flood Management Programme" under which central assistance is provided to the State Governments for river management, flood control, anti erosion work, anti sea-erosion work, drainage development, flood proofing, flood prone area development programme, restoration of damaged flood management work etc.

(c) to (e) Specified proposals from the State Governments of Bihar, Orissa and Maharashtra seeking central assistance for restoration of farming land of flood affected areas have not been received. However, in the wake of recent floods in Bihar, the State Government has projected a requirement of Rs.827.66 crores for rehabilitation of Agriculture Sector including restoration of farm land as per details given below:

S. No.	Activity/item of Work	Amount (crore)
1.	Soil testing	1.50
2.	Cost of de-siltation of agricultural land	450.00
3.	Crop seed distribution	10.07
4.	Fruit plant/seed distribution	27.49
5.	Vegetable seed distribution	177.58
6.	Agricultural implements distribution	63.56
7.	Field Demonstration & Training	40.56
8.	Restoration of farm infrastructure	6.90
9.	Agricultural input subsidy	50.00
	TOTAL	827.66

A High Level Central Team of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has visited Bihar and advised the State Government about suitable agricultural crops/activities and agricultural inputs *i.e.* appropriate crop varieties and seeds.

Welfare policy on heavy losses to farmers due to cold wave

†785. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any welfare policy on heavy losses to farmers due to cold wave and frost in Rajasthan in the past; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.